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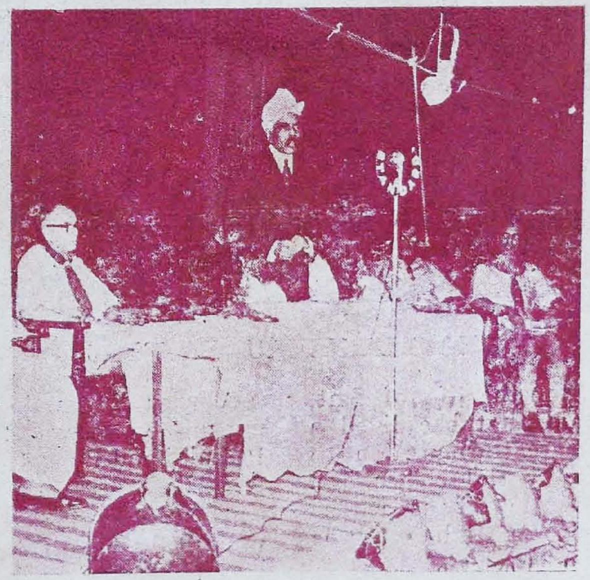

Inaugurates Silver Jubilee of Krishna Group

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The Kamala Nehru Rangers

THE first Annual function of the Rangers was held on 31st July 1954 at the P. S. High School, Mylapore with great rejoicings. Mrs. P. N. Ramaswami who has been taking a very keen interest in Scouting along with her husband, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. N. Ramaswami Iyer at Chingleput, Vizag and other places presided. Addressing the Rangers, she emphasised the need for more girls joining the Ranger Teams and engaging themselves in organised Social service. They can be laison Officers to the hospitals, helpers to the illiterate people of the locality Baby Sitter was one of the suggestions made by her as a special form of service. She dwelt at length on the dignity of labour and advised them to render any work necessary for human existence as respectable and dignified.

Mr. V. S Ratnasabapathy, State Secretary unveiled the portrait of Srimathi Kamala Nehru whose illustrious name, the Ranger Team bears. Speaking on the life of Smt. Kamala Nehru, he said that she lived a heroic life and was a great companion to her husband Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and hoped that the example she set as a true wife and a great daughter of India will be followed by the Rangers

KAMALA NEHRU—RANGERS

Mr N. D. Sundaravadivelu the State Commissioner, addressing Rangers appealed to the Public for encouragement and support to Guiding. He refered to Saint Tiruvalluvar, and Bharathi who lead life of unselfishness and service to others and asked the Rangers to emulate their example. Miss A. Sakuntala District Commissioner Guides, addressed the meeting and wished the Kamala Nehru Rangers all success.

A very interesting entertainment was put up by Baby Ratnangi, Baby Usha, Padmini and Baby Satchu and the Mazumdar Air Rovers of Tambaram.

Sri Krishna Guides put up a Drama (Be prepared) much to the enjoyment of those assembled. Srimathi S V. Leela, the Secretary of the Group Committee and the Assistant Ranger Leader presented the Annual report, a record full of activities, Celebrations, outings and Training in Team work. They have a good, active and enterprising Group Committee functioning. The Team is fastly becoming a model Team and it is hoped more such Teams for Rangers will be formed throughout the city and outside.

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OUR STATE ANNUAL MEETINGS

GREAT enthusiasm and an expression of sincere feelings and earnestness for the advancement of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Madras State and a genuine spirit of friendliness were the characteristics of this year's Annual meetings.

Precisely at 10 A.M. on 24th July 1954 the members of the State Council representing all Districts numbering more than 100 both men and women workers assembled at the University Examination Hall under the Presidency of our respected President of the Association Dr Rm. Alagappa Chettiar.

Welcoming the members of the Council the president said that their's was a family gathering where not only members from Districts have assembled but also some of them had brought with them their wives and children Speaking about the Association Dr. Chettiar said as years passed our movement gained strength and the institution is bound to prosper.

The State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy presented the Annual report for the year 1953-54. Special mention in the report was made of the the State Chief Commissioner and State Commissioners as well as the Assistant State Commissioners and Headquarters Commissioners' good work, and their fine leadership and team work.

The Divisional Centres of Coimbatore, Mathurai and Madras served a real need. That Guiding was active. Two Commissioners' Training Courses one at Stanley Park from 4th to 10th May and another at Courtallam from 29th August to 5th September 1953 were responsible in sending out 60 workers These were necessarily joint Camps and proved useful. An Assistant Deputy Camp Chief Training Course was also held That the Andhra State Association was formed during the year on the 1st of December 1953.

The National Jamboree, the Youth Welfare Seminar, and the Community Project Service in two Centres in Malabar where roads were built to a distance of 9 miles by our Scouts were the activities worth special mention. During the year 39 Camps were held at which 11/1 workers, 714 men and 457 women were trained to officer the movement. Our strength:

Eventhough we lost 10000 Scouts and Guides by the formation of the Andhra State Association, the strength was at the end of the year 43,000 Scouts and 9000 Guides making a total of 52,000 Scouts and Guides in the State.

Finance was a difficult problem and though the Government gave a grant, it was not adequate to meet the demands of the Association and that there was need for greater public support. In this connection a capitation fee of annas 4 was introduced to augument the finances of the State, District and Local Associations. A Carnival is to be run in October at Madras to collect funds, besides enrolling a large number of members and patrons. In this as well as in the work of the Association, co-operation of everyone is needed. Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar our President gave very kindly Lunch and Tea to the members of the Council. We are indeed grateful to him for this fine gesture.

The Workers' Conference that met at 2-30 P.M. was presided over by the State Chief Commissioner Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu. Subjects relating to the improvement and spread of the movement were discussed and everyone present took part It was suggested that the Training Camp certificate fee should be Rs. 3/- and not Rs. 5/-, this recommendation was accepted by the State Chief Commissioner The State Commissioners and the State Secretary also addressed the Conference and appealed for co-operation and solid work in the coming year. It was also mentioned that the renewal for Commissioners will be done this year with a request to see that they functioned well and gave a good report of their activities, to be reviewed by the State Chief Commissioner for the purpose of renewal next year.

The Assistant State Commissioners were charged with the duties of supervising and aiding the work of the District Commissioners, in order that greater progress may be possible. It was decided that the renewal of registration of Groups should be done before the end of August 1954 for the year 54-55.

The suggestion to appoint District Commissioners in consultation with the District Associations was negatived by an overwhelming majority. On the whole it was felt by one and all that the Annual Meetings were a great success. The Public meeting was presided over by Sir A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar a former Chief Commissioner. Report of this meeting appears elsewhere.

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Rovers, Scouters and Scouts rendered service in regulating and guiding the large number of visitors between the 24th to 26th July, on the occasion of the visit of the Railways Centenary Exhibition Train to this town. It is a matter for personal satisfaction that I was able to bestow direct and personal supervision. However large the crowd may be, efficient and orderly result is achieved by arrangement in queues. It displayed that the Scouts are by their appeal, able to get a willing and sympathetic response from the people.

S. RAMASWAMY AIYANGAR,
Assistant Dt. Commissioner.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO

BY
ANNE BASIL
HEADQUARTERS COMMISSIONER, GUIDES, WEST BENGAL

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE Ceylon guides had planned a wonderful programme of entertainments and excursions—a musical concert, a ballet, an excellent documentary film on Ceylon, oriental dances, a trip to Kandy, visits to a Buddhist temple and the Colombo Zoo where we watched with amazed delight the clever tricks of the elephants, one of whom played the mouth organ with decided talent and commendable restraint. His achievements have been forever immortalized by the Conference's camera—clicking Toyo of Japan.

The Prime Minister of Ceylon invited us to tea and to visit his vast estate which closely resembles a Zoo where some of us rode on his 3 pet elephants shrieking with fear and delight The Burmese Ambassador invited us to lunch on the Burmese New Year (13th April) when the Water Festival is also celebrated. After a sumptuous lunch including Sinhalese sweets we were sprinkled with jasmin-perfumed water by the Ambassador ably aided by his family; whilst his minute granddaughter danced, wearing a gilt headdress of imposing dimensions. The well-known philanthropist, Lady de Sousa, also entertained us to a supper Miss Vairakian of 'Quaker Wedding' fame gave us a lovely tea, and Ranger Kamala provided a 'magic show' evening. Indeed, the Ceylon people's houses were freely open to us. The Indian High Commissioner Mr Desai received the first batch of Indian delegates.

The Queen

Some of us saw the Queen 4 times! Laying a wreath at the War Memorial opposite girl guide H Q, driving in State in her coronation robes and diamond tiara to open Parliament, driving past Scout H.Q. to watch the parade for her birthday, when we set up such a cheer as to attract the Duke's attention who turned and waved to us, and lastly—the Queen walking on a white carpet along the new Queen Elizabeth Jetty, boarding the Gothic, and bidding farewell to us all Her charm and effortless graciousness will remain a memory as green as the isle from which she sailed away amidst thunderous cheer and the sharp salutation of ships.

Our last camp fire was held in the house of Miss Alvis who had invited us to a 'lamprais' (package) dinner. After each country had thanked Ceylon, 3 Ceylon guiders amused us tremendously by their impersonations of 'Notable Personalities of the Conference'. Miss Blacker as Mrs. Woolacott 'out of the Chair' having flung off her shoes, was inimitable.

The Tour

April 27th dawned cloudy, but our hearts were merry for the long-awaited day had arrived. 13 of us piled into a bus and set off in pouring rain, singing lustily, chatting incessantly The mere mention of names, as we poured over a map of Ceylon, conjured up exotic images beckoning us to them.

No brush, no pen but imagination alone may picture the varied panorama of this enchanting isle where nature has strewn her fragrance, abundance, prodigality luxuriance in a prolific mood; and man's art and industry are stamped forever on rock, temple, tank, fortress, gem, plantation and frescoes of imperishable beauty.

The kaleidoscope reveals the torid, semi-equitorial splendour of swaying coconut and areka palms; flat rice fields; rows of slender rubber trees with deep gashes (war's legacy), coffee and cocoa trees; pepper creepers; kapok trees that scatter for miles around, tufts of soft, silky, white cotton from their bursting brown pods; cool, gentle hill slopes terraced with neat tea bushes interspersed by trees planted for shade.

The eye gazes spell-bound at stupendous historic ruins; dome-like dagabas; limpid artificial lakes, semi-circular moonstones exquisitely carved depicting lions, bullock, elephants, geese, horses; waterfalls cascading into foam; saffron-robed monks; giant water lilies; dancers in resplendent attire; precious stones, scintillating with a thousand hues; flower-decked, laughing maidens; patient elephants in procession, or bathing; brightplumaged birds; frolicsome tortoises; gleaming silver, gardens of paradise and quiet Rest Houses.

The gardens of Peradenuya—its flowers, avenue of palms and 2 yellow orioles in flight—linger a vivid memory. Casting a fleeting glance at the spacious University and tranquil lake, we lunched and left for Polonnaruwa—city of ruins What ineffable sorrow pervades the countenance of Buddha's beloved disciple as he stands mute sentinel, helplessly watching his dying Master—serenely recumbent, colossally sculptured from bare rock. Here a headless giant emerges, there a roofless library. An inverted stone lotus pond rouses our curiosity and we ply our long-suffering guide with questions—remaining frankly incredulous to his tale that a queen used it as her bath tub. We continue our tour

Suddenly the frowning fortress of Sigiriya (Lion Rock) abode of the parricide king Kassapa (5th century A.D.) looms above us—a challenge, a mystery. A steep climb of 600 ft led by Britain's Habershon was rewarded by a breath-taking view and a glimpse of the world-famous frescoes painted on the rock-face in indelible red, green and yellow—depicting the haunting loveliness of 22 maidens dark and fair, whose immortal charms have baffled every attempt at identification.

At Kandy we visited the Temple of the Tooth and Audience Hall, saw an exquisite crystal image of Buddha, his foot print and the Bodhi trees, Leaving behind us the flower-perfumed precincts, the sound of temple bells and the devout at prayer, we looked in at the Art Museum where we purchased silver souvenirs and watched the craftsmen at work.

On our way to the cool retreat of Nuwara Eliya, we passed scenery of surpassing loveliness recalling Europe. After a night spent at a luxury hotel we visited the Hakgala gardens and trout harcheries the next morning, and returned to Colombo tired but happy. Hasty farewells at Guide H.Q., then home.

Ceylon's brightest jewels dim in splendour beside the shining spirit of service of the Ceylon guides, rangers, cadets and organisers and the hospitality of the Ceylonese people. One last word. Hearty thanks to the World Association for the Colombo Conference.

Silver Jubilee of Sri Krishna Scout Group

PROMOTION OF PEACE

Role of Scout Movement

Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Travancore University, inaugurated the four-day Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Sri Krishna Scout Group at Wenlock Park, Triplicane.

Sri S Amudachari welcomed the gathering Dr. P Vadhiraja Rao, Scout Master, gave a resume of the Group's activities in the past 25 years. The Group needed a building of its own, and open ground for its activities, and a site near the Marina would be most suitable. He appealed to the Government, Corporation and the public for help

Sri S. Amudachari read messages wishing the celebrations success.

Unique Movement

Sir A Ramaswami Mudaliar, inaugurating the celebrations said, he was glad that the differences existing among the different organisations had been removed and today the Scout movement was united, unified, and strong. Among international movements, which sought to bring peace and goodwill, the Scout movement was unique. It caught hold of the young, and if they instilled into them the ideal of service, they would be rendering a great service to their own nation and humanity.

The speaker referred to the tenets of the Scout movement to be true to God and country. Independent India was a secular State. About the phrase, " Secular State " there was a good deal of misunderstanding-what it meant in the Constitution and what its framers had intended

"I have come across great leaders—leaders even of the Congress, perhaps, not in the Congress now—who made fun of the idea of any religious instruction being given, because this is secular State. I venture to say that those who introduced the phrase 'Secular State'—the Constitution—makers never intended that religion should be tabooed or ignored in the activities of the State. What they meant was that in all Governmental work, there should be no difference made between man and man on the basis of religion, that religion should not divide persons in the patronage that may receive from the State that religion should not be a barrier to any advancement in any direction, or for the amenities the State may give to individuals

" To say that individuals can administer this vast State, that Ministers could serve without a thought of that Providence that shapes the ends of all, to suggest that any-one can carry out the high burden of State responsiblity, ignoring the great Supreme being who controls all our activities, is to go against nature, common sense, and the fundamentals of good life "

Therefore, he was glad that the first tenet of the Scout movement was that they were for God

Interdependence

Dealing with the next tenet, that they were for the country, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar said India was an independent Sovereign State, but they should not forget that theirs was an international movement. Interdependence of States had come to stay. Whatever, one's ideas of sovereignty might be, it was that interdependence that one should adopt. The very fact that the Scout movement sought to promote good will among all nations and races made clear the meaning of loyalty. While they were loyal to their own country, it should not stand in their way of understanding other countries.

"If I have understood anything about the foreign policy of this country, it is that spirit, which you have in your Scout movement of trying at least, to be friendly with all nations. That is the guiding principle of foreign policy of this country." Added the speaker.

One World Idea

Another Scout tenet was they should help each other, nationally and internationally. They had all heard of the idea of one world Whether one liked it or not, old boundaries were crumbling. They should realise that humanity was one, that an invisible but strong bond lay between man and man all over the world. The common man all over the world was concerned with extending his good—will to all, and wanted security in his own life.

Sir A Ramaswami Mudaliar wished more young people attended World Jamborees. He felt the time had come when they should have a World Jamboree in India, preferably at some place in South India.

He complimented the Krishna Group on its excellent work. and paid tributes to the pioneers who had built it up He emphasised the importance of training in leadership, based on true and sound education. Whatever one might say of the old system of education, no one could deny that it had produced great men, and it was the generation that was fading out that had built modern India

Memento Presented

At the request of Sri K P Sarvothama Rao, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar presented a plaque of Sri Krishna with the Scout emblem embossed on it, to Sri M D. Janardan, District Commissioner, the founder of the Group, and as a memento

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, who presided. said he was gratified at the progress made by the Sri Krishna Group. He was glad that Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar had kindled in them the ambition of organising a World Jamboree in Madras, and he hoped the idea would materiallise

Dr. P Seshagiri Rao proposed a vote of thanks.

Value of Scout Movement

Presiding over the Third Annual meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides' Association, Madras State, at Wenlock Park Triplicane, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University explained the importance of the Scout movement in developing a spirit of service among boys and girls, and appealed to parents to allow their children to become active members of the movement.

Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, President of the Association, welcoming the guests said that Dr. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar was "a great scout of our country" who had played a prominent part in the merger of the Hindustan Scout and the Boy Scout movements.

Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, presented the annual report. A notable event during the year, the report stated, was their association with the execution of Community Projects under the Five Year Plan. Two Rural Service Camps were held during the year at Puducode and Vadavanur, where two roads were laid by 'our Scouts'. Their strength had increased during the year and they had now 43,000 Scouts and 9,000 Guides on the rolls.

Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, paid a tribute to the services of Dr. Mudaliar, and said the merger of the two movements was chiefly due to his untiring efforts. The Scout Movement, he said, inculcated in the minds of the youth the lofty ideal of dignity of labour and a spirit of service, and appealed to the public to give the Movement all encouragement.

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, State Guide Commissioner, explained the activities of the Guides and said more rural camps should be held for Guides and Scouts.

Dr. Mudaliar said the Scout Movement had been recognised all over the world as "a great character-building movement" and it had helped in no small measure to make youths good citizens. The Scout movement was an international movement which deserved all help and encouragement he said. There was nothing in it which could justify criticism from any quarter whatsoever.

Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner, (Scouts) proposed a vote of thanks.

WORLD CONFERENCE (GUIDES)

The 15th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will be held at Zeist, Holland from 20th to 30th August 1954. Amongst the many subjects to be discussed are the two following topics.

1. A thorough study of the field of co-operation and co-education in Scouting by the Boy Scouts International Bureau and the World Bureau of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on an international level ;

2. Studies of the national pattern of co-education and its bearing on Scout activities by the different Scout Associations. These studies must be free from prejudice and arranged jointly with parents, teachers, social workers and, of course, the young people themselves.

These above Topics are suggested by Mr. Littmarck of Sweden in his article 'Co-operation with the Girl Guide Movement' published in the "Jamboree" October 1953. Mrs. Mazumdar, State Commissioner, Guides, Delhi will represent the Bharat Scouts and Guides, India at this Conference.

Co-operation with the Girl Guide Movement

BY

T. LITTMARCK (SWEDEN)

FOR several years there has been continual discussion about co-operation between the Boy Scout Movement and the Girl Guide Movement in several countries, among them Sweden. I am addressing you on this subject on behalf of the Swedish Scout Movement, though what I am going to say is not stated in detail by or even recognised as a common national opinion, but is my personal point of view on this important matter.

1. *Definition of Terms*: There are many different words you often hear in these discussions, and before I go on, I think I had better state what I mean by the following terms: Cooperation; co-education; mixed work and joint work. This is in order to avoid misunderstanding.

(a) *Co-operation* is the broadest term, by which I mean in this particular case all sorts of activities done for and/or by members of the Boy Scout Movement as well as members of the Girl Guide Movement. That means, all work done together, from one common St. George Rally a year to the joint work in the Indian national staff and French Rover Clans.

(b) By *Co-education* I mean activities for girls and boys run with the special purpose of teaching the participants to understand the opposite sex. It does not mean neglecting the differences, but understanding them.

(c) *By mixed work*: I mean activities run for boys and girls without mentioning whether they are boys or girls. It can be a mixture for the sake of the mixture itself.

(d) *By Joint Work*: I mean activities run jointly by different organisations representing the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements respectively.

2. *Historical Background*: We all know that B-P was a true pioneer within the field of education and youth psychology. He practised a long time before schools the system of self-education and team work. When we today try to find new ways and methods within the Scout Movement, it is not to despise an old system, but rather to keep to the pioneering spirit. We must follow and study very careful what is happening in the youth physchology of today, and what is happening in the society in which our boys and girls are living. We cannot avoid seeing the very great difference in the scientific approach to co-education and to the new system of having men and women working together in universities and schools, as well as in factories and offices.

We must recognize this great difference and clearly see what it means for our methods and organizational systems of today and also the need which has been created through this new social pattern in many parts of the world. We must not try to withdraw from our part of the responsibility.

It is not possible for me to go into detail in this description of the background to our work, though I should very much like to do so. I only want to mention that we always run the danger, because we have done a good job in past times, of thinking that our way of acting should fit perfectly into the life of today.

If we look at the schools and community life of England forty years ago and compare that with the life in the schools of Sweden, or France, or India of today, we cannot help but notice the very great difference. It is not sure that what was alright for England in 1910 or 1915 is all right either for England or other countries in 1953—I think that, especially within co-education, the development has been rapid during the last twenty to twenty-five years, but during that period the pattern of the Boy Scout Movement and the Girl Guide Movement as regards co-operation has not changed, except in a few cases.

I know it is dangerous to generalize. There are very great differences as regards the actual situation and needs in many parts of the world, so whatever we do we must keep that in mind and try to find the true way for the particular circumstances of special movements.

3. *What is happening in the large field of Youth work of today?* In all kinds of club work, in political as well as religious and

rural youth groups, we can quite clearly see a general movement towards groups for boys and girls, young adults of both sexes, working together in the same organizational frame work in activities planned by them together.

I do not mean to say that we should just follow what is happening in other organizations. It does not necessarily mean that that system should be more up-to-date, but we should try to see what should be the attitude of the Scouts and Guides, and we cannot neglect what it means to the boys and girls who have to choose in what organization they want to participate wholeheartedly,

4. *What is happening in the Scout Movement in this respect?* With very few exceptions we keep to the old pattern which was in force in the first years of Scouting. Where do we find co-operation with the Girl Guide Movement? You know out of your own experience that officially this consists of a few rallies a year, some gatherings for leaders, some gatherings in connection with parish work or festivals for the parents and friends of the Scouts, but mostly that is all. We cannot call this a "Working together". It is not a being-together in the daily or weekly work, but some limited purpose. There are only so few Scout organizations which are co-operating more than that. For example Les Eclaireurs de France have, for some years with the special permission of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, tried internationally as well as locally a work for boys and girls in the age groups of Wolf Cubs and Rovers. The Indian Scout Movement has an organizational set-up for the Boy Scouts as well as the Girl Guides though the activities are quite separate. Now we all recognize that unofficially in the local groups there are many activities and much work done jointly, but this often out of private initiative and without being officially sanctioned by our national or international organizations. We often tend to neglect this, and to think that the local work is following official rules. No doubt we should try to have our organizations more fit for the actual situations and needs than we have today.

5. *Is there a need for more co-operation?* Of course we need to make a careful study of the question, for co-operation is something that is needed not for the sake of the Scout or Guide organizations as such, but for the sake of the boys and girls themselves. We should not run away with the idea that co-operation is only something modern and interesting. We must see if there is a real need for it and if we could fulfil our task in a better way through more co-operation. Personally, I believe that there is such a need, for the following reasons:

(a) There is a need for moral education as regards the relationship between the sexes, I daresay that we find this all over the world. We must do our part in this work for the sake of the boy and the girl. We know that Scout education through self-education often has been more effective than the education of the school or the Church. Why should we not try to do our job even in this respect?

(b) Parents are asking us to help them. Sometimes it is easier for a youth leader to be of real help to the boys and girls in sex education; why there is one Boy Scout Movement and one Girl Guide Movement. The girls and the boys are working together in school, they are living together at home. Why should they be separate in Scouting, where, in many respects, they get a very good education?

(c) The community is asking for our help as regards education for family life. More and more we understand the value of happy families and the danger for a community where the family life has begun to distintergrate. All the different bodies working in education must co-operate in this very serious respect. Until now we could do our part of the work with teaching boys among boys, and girls among girls, and no doubt that has been important. But I do not think that this is all that we can do. The life in the community is no longer a life which is separating boys and girls. Community life demands a change of methods.

(d) It think we are all aware of the fact that it is extremely difficult for us to keep boys and girls within our Movement unless we allow them to be together in their late 'teens and after. I think we have discussed this question in many of our national consultations, and and we have faced the fact that we have not always been prepared really to

make an effort to solve the question. Personally I do not think there is a solution without one form or another of extended co-operation and new types of programmes. If we succeed in keeping a large number of boys and girls for a longer time in scouting that means that it can help us to solve the recruiting of leaders, which no doubt in several parts in the world is one of the main problems for Scouting of today. So even for the sake of the Scout Movement, there is a real need for more co-operation.

6. *In what age groups can extended co-operation be used?*

(a) The interesting experiences of co-operation in the Wolf Cub age group could no doubt be extended to even some other national movements. I think that, especially in the rural work in small villages where there are few children and small possibilities of finding leaders, this can be the solution.

(b) For the age group 11-16, in the general Patrol activity, I do not think that a fully mixed work is worth while attempting. The differences in the spiritual and intellectual development are too great. No doubt we could extend forms of joint work more, but I do not think that the Patrol itself should include both boys and girls.

(c) On the contrary, I think that in Rover Scouting we should try to get a combination of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements. I am fully convinced that for this age group, from 16 to 17 on, it is not sufficient to have merely joint gatherings, but also to carry out a programme that has been planned thoroughly by boys and girls together and with a true co-education done through all this programme. We do not solve the question of Rover Scouting only with a more extended co-operation from time to time with the Senior Scouts. We need Rover clans build up from the foundations and all through by boys and girls. This will no doubt mean a lot of work and planning and re-organization of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements, but I am pretty sure that without something definitely new from the organisational point of view, our attempts to get a renewal of Rover Scouting will never succeed. The time has come when we should not only try to make some limited changes here and there, but try to get a new organisational basis for our work.

(d) As a consequence of what I have just said, it is quite evident that we need more joint leadership training to be able to carry on this work This also means joint planning by staff members and Commissioners for both Movements.

(c) In connection with this I should like to add a few words about the assistance of parents and friends of our boys and girls, for instance for organisational finance and other practical matters. This does not necessarily mean that they must be Scouters No doubt it will be easier to ask both parents and the whole family to join in the work when they come together to the same Rover Clan or Scout Group.

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In several countries where Scouting has existed over a number of years, we are today in the position of standing still. We are holding our position and yet we do not seem to make any progress. That does not fit in with the Scout spirit. We must move forward in the pioneering spirit. Many of us know that this moving forward depends to a great extent on our further treatment of this problem. Perhaps we do not today clearly see the way and we do not all agree on what should be done But I think that in case, we could agree on the following statement: We need:

1. A thorough study of all the field of co-operation and co-education in Scouting by the Boy Scouts International Bureau and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on an International level.

2 Continued and extended experimental work in some national movements.

3. Studies of the national pattern of co-education and its bearing on Scout activities by the different Scout Movements These studies must be free from prejudice and done jointly with parents, teachers, social workers and, of course, the young people themselves.

We all understand something of the need of young people today, and we have experienced the importance of the Scout Movement and its ability to meet these needs. Let us go forward, keeping in mind the tradition of our forbears, and with open eyes to see our task of today.

—T. LITTMARCK (Sweden)

(*Jamboree*)

SCOUT CRAFT EXHIBITION

ORGANISED BY SRI KRISHNA SCOUT GROUP

IN connection with the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, a Scout Craft Exhibition was organised by the Scouts, consisting of paper models, wood carvings, colour drawings, photographs of Scout activities, First-aid charts, Scout Badges of the World, etc.

Sri S Amudachari on behalf of the Sri Krishna Group Committee welcomed Sri C. R. Pattabiraman and requested him to open the exhibition on 24-7-54 In doing so, he said "I have great pleasure in welcoming my friend, Sri C. R. Pattabiraman in our midst. As you may be aware, he is the President of South Madras He is deeply interested in all youth movements.

This Exhibition of Scout and Guide Craft is useful in two ways One, it serves to bring out the talent which our Scouts and Guides have and another, it has an educative value to the public.

Sri C R Pattabiraman who went round the Exhibition, expressing his great appreciation said,

"You will believe me when I say that I feel greatly honoured by my having been asked to open this Exhibition today. I feel very proud of East Madras and the wonderful work done by this Group in organising this Exhibition. It is true that we realised that we are now living in a Free India under one unified movement. I was a Scout in my early days when there were 3 different organisations. I want every Scout to feel that our Country is our own and to advise people not to damage the property while travelling in trains or in public places. Scouting and camp life make one forget the differences between each other The sooner we forget our differences the better for our country. Scouting prepares for leadership Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is a great believer in the value of Scouting When Chou En Lai met Pandit Nehru and drew the outline, then and there peace was settled for Indo-China. India is respected outside in the world Scouts have a great opportunities to do service whether they are in trains or fairs or festivals. The other day, there was a big crowd in the National High School (Girls), Triplicane, attending a dance performance. In spite of the rains, the Scouts stood at their posts. I admired their sense of duty and discipline "

He congratulated the Scouts on the fine exhibition got up by them which was quite different from the ordinary exhibitions one is accustomed to see.

Dr P Vadiraja Rao proposed a vote of thanks Many of the State Council members visited the Exhibition.

DELHI GUIDES COMMISSIONER MEETS PRINCESS ROYAL

Mrs L. Mazumdar, Girl Guides State Commissioner for Delhi, was among Guides Commissioners from 26 Commonwealth territories who met H.R.H the Princess Royal at the Girl Guides Association Training Centre in Hampshire on July 14. The Commissioners have been attending, since July 12, the annual Chief Commissioners' Conference.

On July 14 the Princess Royal attended a ceremoney in the grounds of the training centre when labels were fixed on the trees presented by many oversea Commonwealth countries to commemorate the Coronation. Planted earlier this year, they were chosen, as far as possible, as being typical of the donor countries.

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South Malabar Conference of Scoutmasters & Headmasters

At Kollengode on 8-8-54

UNDER the auspices of the "Bharat Scouts and Guides" South Malabar District a meeting of Headmasters and Scoutmasters was held at Raja's High School, Kollengode at 1 P.M. under the Presidentship of Sri N. D Sundaravadivelu, Dy Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts). 21 Headmasters and 60 Scouters from the four taluks were present. The President expressed that Malabar gave a lead to other Districts in social service and other activities. There was a frank and open discussion on several points and the State Commissioner was extremely glad to participate in the discussions. He congratulated the association for holding such a conference and in his impressive and eloquent speech was able to clarify several controversial issues The Headmasters were immensely pleased with the President's suggestions and advice

Dr. R PADMANABHAN D C and Raja Saheb of Kollengode welcomed the President and the distinguished guests. Mrs K Kochunni Panicker, Principal, G V. College Palghat, Usman, Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division, Dr. Lawrence D. E O. S Malabar, J. I. Muthiah, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), E. H Parameswaran, M L.A , T. R. Sundaram Pillai D. C. Coimbatore Mrs. Chatterjee Dist. Commissioner (Guides) Coimbatore Ramalingam ADC CBE Arulanandam Secretary and ADC. CBE, T K Venkiteswaran, Secretary N. Malabar Dt. Association were also present In spite of inclement weather the attendance of scouters was large Raja Saheb entertained the guests with delightful feast and delicious tea.

Sri A.V Krishna Iyer, Secretary S Malabar Dist Assn read a report of the activities during the year Sri K. Subramaniam I.A.S., R.D O. and Community Project Officer Palghat spoke on the value of scouting. He promised that he would do everything to get a permanent camp site for scouts near Malampuzha, as suggested by the D C. The State Commissioner visited Malampuzha in the morning and inspected the proposed camp site accompanied by J. I. Muthiah and Sri C. S. V Ramani Kariakar A. S. C.

Sri A Appukutty Menon, Vice-President of the Dist. Assn. spoke on scouting and its place in education.

Mrs. C S Sesha Iyer, Headmaster K T.M. High School Mannarghat and Vice-President of the Valluvand Taluq assn. E. Narayana Nair H. M Board HS Kottayi and ADC E. H. Parameswaram MLA and H M High School Chitalancherry, T. R Sundaram Pillai D C. Coimbatore, and K. G. Raghavan, Scout master Koduvayur spoke. Mr. P. R. Subramania Iyer, H M. R. H. S. Kollengode gave talk on the seminar of headmasters on secondary education at Coonoor. Sri C. S. V. Ramani Kariakar A S. C spoke on Scouting on Interdistricts He said that South Malabar *is good in* Scouting but poor in guiding Sri M. Sivarama Menon HM PMMHS Palghat and ADC read messages received from Messrs V. S. Ratnasabapathi, State Secretary, K Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Mrs. Club valla Jadhav, State Commissioner (guides) and V. C. Subbiah Gowder ASC CBE and several others.

There was a demonstration by scouts of the Rajah's High school under Messrs A. Achutha Nair and A. Vaidhyanathan scouters, Kollengode. Mr. C. P. Sarma, HM CAHS Ayakad and Secretary South Malabar Headmasters Association proposed a vote of thanks.

With the singing of National Anthem the meeting came to a close at 5-30 P.M.

WEST MADRAS

The Inaugural Rally of the District was held on 7-8-54 at 4-30 p m. in the premises of Chengalroya Naicker Orphanage, Vepery, Madras Kumari Padmavathi Ammal, M A , L.T., presided over the rally.

Sri K. Govindachari, the president of the Association welcomed the president and the gathering

The D. C. (Scouts) Sri V. Thiagarajan presented the programme of activities for the year 1954-55.

In the president's address she laid stress on the service aspect of the movement.

About 800 boys and girls of all ranks attended the rally. The D. C. (Guides) Miss L. Vedanayagam proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

SOUTH MADRAS

A contingent of Rovers and Scouters drawn, from the Mylapore Rover Crew, The Prathap Scout Group, The Siddharta Scout Group and the Madurai City Rover Crew had been on an educational trip to Ceylon and covered Colombo, Kandy, Polonnaruwa Anuradhapura and Nuwara-Eliya and visited the famous Pedro Scout Camping Centre. The trip was organised by the Mylapore Rover Crew, with the District Commissioner (Scouts) as the leader and Sri R. Sankaran A.R.S.L., as the Deputy Leader. Messrs S. N Viswanathan, Abayakon, Cosmos, Anton Blacker and Tummodara were very helpful to the contingent.

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The Subrahmanya Scout Group, Mylapore, went on a week-end Camp near Nandambakkam on the 7th and 8th of August 1954 with Sri V. G. G. Sarma, the Group Leader as the Camp Chief.

The Subrahmanya Scout Group, Mylapore, celebrated the 'Tagore Day' on 7-8-54 at the P. S. High School, Mylapore. The District Commissioner (Scouts) presided and spoke about the life and teachings of the Bengali Poet, with particular reference to Gitanjali.

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The Siddhartha Scout Group, Mylapore, celebrated their eighth Annual Day on 8-8-54 at P. S. High School, Mylapore with Dr. P. V. Cherian, M.L.C. Chairman, Legislative Council, Madras in the chair. He said Scouting was a wonderful Movement laying emphasis on discipline, loyalty to the State and service to humanity.

H. RAMANATHAN,
District Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S WARRANTS RENEWED FOR THE YEAR 1954-55

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (Scouts)

Warrant No.	Name	Area
1/17-9-51	Rao Bahadur C. Doraiswamiah	North Arcot
5/17-6-51	Sri M D Janardhan	East Madras
7/17-9-51	Sri S. V Lakshmanan	Salem Dt
13/19-9-51	Dr. R Padmanabhan	South Malabar
14/6-10-51	Sri C. V. Naidu	Chingleput (North)
15/6-10-51	Sri R Messiah Doss	Chingleput (South)
20/6-10-51	Janab M Kazim Khaleeli	Central Madras
21/6-10-51	Sri V. Thiagaraja Pillai	Madras West
25/6-10-51	Sri P. Somasundaram Iyer	Ramnad
26/6-10-51	Sri J. S Nesayya	Tanjore East
27/6-10-51	Sri A Y. S. Parisutha Nadar	Tanjore West
28/6-10-51	Commandant T S Desikachari	Tiruchirappalli
30/16-10-51	Dr. K G. Ramabadran	Mathurai
32/23-7-52	Sri N R Bojarajulu Naidu	Nilgiris
33/25-8-52	Sri T. V Arumugam	Tirunelveli
37/9-1-53	Sri T R. Sundaram Pillai	Coimbatore
39/21-5-53	Dr. V. Krishnamurthy	South Arcot
40/4-6-53	Dr. K Giridhara Rao	South Kanara
42/17-8-53	Sri H. Ramanathan	South Madras
43/21-10-53	Sri C G. Viswanathan	Madras Corporation
44/18-1-54	Sri S. K. Gopinath	Southern Railways
45/15-3-54	Sri C S. Natesa Mudaliar	North Madras

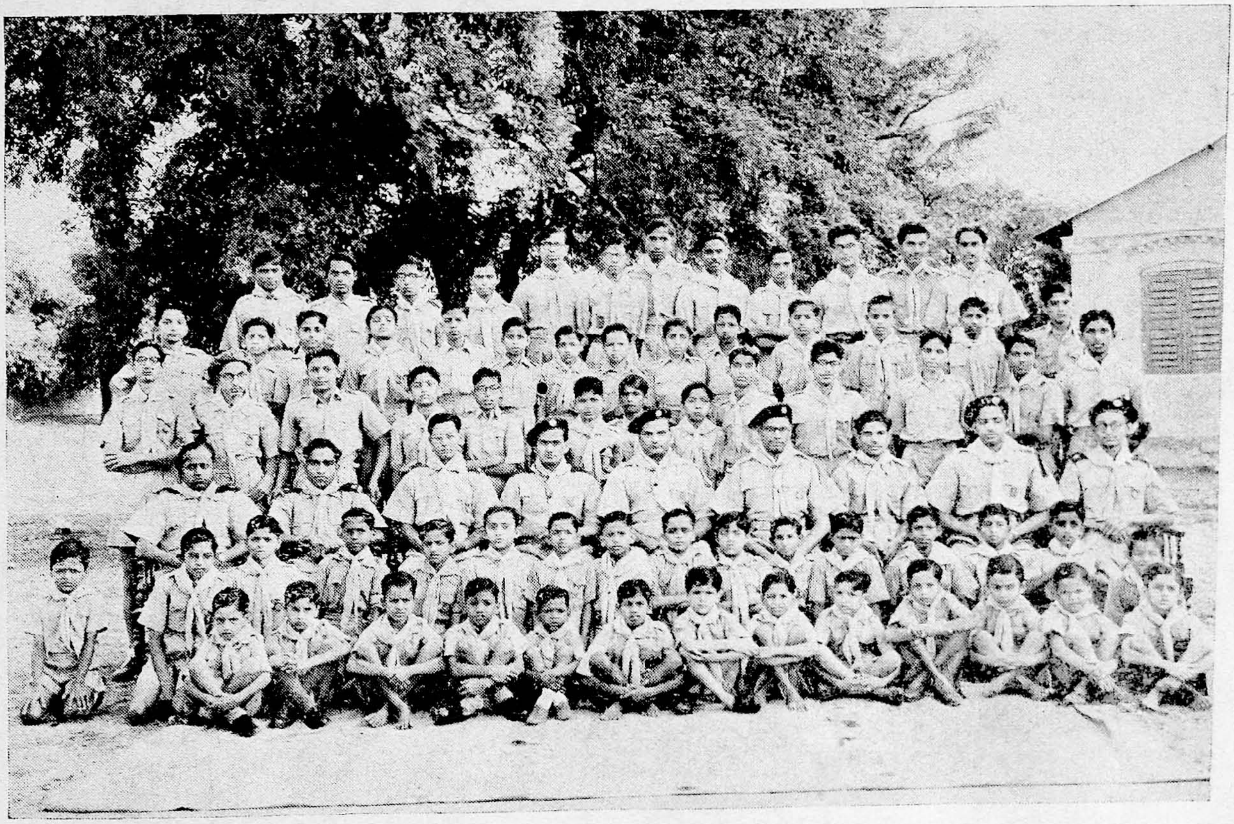
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (Guides)

Warrant No.	Name	Area
2/7-12-51	Miss G Pakenham Walsh	Tirunelveli
4/7-12-51	Mrs D Kalyani Shetty	South Kanara
6/7-12-51	Miss Grace Joseph	North Madras
7/7-12-51	Miss L Vedanayakam	West Madras

9/7-12-51	...	Mrs. M. M. Peters	...	Madras Corporation
17/12-11-52	...	Mrs. E. P. Chandran	...	North Malabar
19/25-6-53	...	Miss A. Sakuntala	...	South Madras
20/25-6-53	...	Mrs. Ahalya Santanam	...	East Madras
21/17-9-53	...	Mrs. Lily Charles	...	Tiruchirappalli
22/2-11-53	...	Mrs. Indira Nagarajan	...	Tanjore East & West
23/2-11-53	...	Miss E. J. Deweerd	...	North Arcot
24/9-11-53	...	Miss Golding	...	Nilgiris
25/9-12-53	...	Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee	...	Coimbatore

WARRANT ISSUED FOR THE YEAR 1954—55

26/5-8-54	...	Miss S. Bakkiamuthu	...	Central Madras



SRI KRISHNA SCOUT GROUP

AN ADVANCE TRAINING COURSE FOR GUIDERS

An Advance Training Course for Guiders will be held at the Stanley Park Training Centre, Coonoor from 12th evening to 22nd morning of September 1954. Mrs C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner, Guides will conduct the Training Course. She will be assisted by Miss S. P. Durairaj, Joint State Organising Commissioner, Guides. Guiders who have the following qualifications are required to apply with a Camp fee of Rs. 25/-per head to the State Secretary, Post Box 424, Madras-5 on or before 1st of September 1954.

Qualifications :

1. Should be a Guider of five years experience.
2. Should have attended a Preliminary Training Camp or its equivalent.
3. Should have passed atleast 2nd Class.

Certificates to the above should be obtained from the District Commissioner and sent to the Headquarters Commissioner for Training.

The Programme of the Tour of Mrs. C. Mohini, Joint National Organising Commissioner-Guides

From the 1st of September to the 30th of September 1954

1st September 1954	—	Arrival in Madras
2nd to 6th September '54	—	Visit to Tiruchirapalli
7th to 10th September '54	—	Visit to Coimbatore
11th September '54	—	Rest
12th to 22nd September '54	—	Advance Training Course for Guiders at Stanley Park — Coonoor
23rd to 29th September '54	—	Commissioners' Training Course at Stanley Park — Coonoor.
30th September '54	—	Departure for Mysore from Coonoor.

CHINGLEPUT

Mr L. C Richard, Municipal Commissioner, Kancheepuram, presiding, there was a conference of all the Scouters of the Municipal Schools, in the Municipal Hall, on 24-8-54. Mr. Edward Samuel, A. D. C. welcomed the new Commissioner. Mr. R. Messiah Doss, District Commissioner, who addressed the Scouters, stressed the need for a definite plan of work for the year and all round efficiency. The Municipal Commissioner, appealed to them to take to Scouting earnestly and form service squads in each school. It was resolved to organise a rally in October in Kancheepuram Mr Srinivasachari, Supervisor, proposed a vote of thanks

SOUTH ARCOT

The Scouts of the Vriddhagiri Scout Troop, Board High School, Vriddhachalam, rendered excellent service, at Sri Vriddhagiriswarar Temple, on 2-8-54 on the Adipuram festival Sri S Devanathan, B A, B T, Scoutmaster of the School, and Sri V P Singaravelu Gurukkal, Retired Teacher and Scoutmaster participated and guided the Scouts

The following are available at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Post Box No. 424, Madras-5.

BOOKS

1.	How to run a Pack—Gilcraft	2 12 0
2.	Out Door Hints for Boy Scouts by J. Gibson	2 6 0
3.	The Patrol System for Guides	0 13 0
4	Pioneering—Gilcraft	2 12 0
5.	Physical Training a Guide for Guiders by D. W Mitchell	2 3 0
6.	Physical training for Boy Scouts	0 12 0
7	The Cub Book by Lord Baden Powell	0 12 0
8.	Games for Guides A W N Mackenzie	2 12 0
9	The Patrol System—by R E Philips	0 12 0
10	Scouting for Boys—2 th Edn Baden Powell	5 12 0
11	Wolf Cubs—Gilcraft	2 12 0
12	Scouting for boys—Boys edn , by B. P.	2 3 0
13.	Running a Troop	4 12 0
14.	Sea Scouting & Seamanship for boys	2 6 0
15.	Games for Camp & Club Room—Vera Barclay	2 3 0
16.	Sea Scouting—Tom Browne	3 14 0
17.	Hand Work for Cubs M. E. Shannon	0 13 0
18.	Sixty Indoor Games - J B Collyns	0 12 0
19	Surveying & Mapping simplified	1 10 0
20	Pioneering Projects—John Thurman	8 0 0

(IN ALL CASES POSTAGE EXTRA)

FOR "U" PLEASE.

Renewal of Registration of Groups for 1954-55,

All the Groups should be renewed before the 31st of August 1954 for 54-55. Groups are requested to attend to this immediately.

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